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Preliminary Amendment

Dear Sir:

Please amend the International Application No. PCT/ EP00/005736 upon entry into the U.S. National Phase under Chapter II as follows:

In the claims:

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 2-15 have been amended and claim 19 has been canceled

- 2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein m is 0, 1 or 2 and n is 3 or 4.
- 3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein X is carbonyl or the group of formula II in which R_5 is H.